

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Following the title, please insert the following paragraph:

Cross-reference to Prior Application

The above-referenced application is the U.S. National Phase of International Patent Application No. PCT/IL2004/001063, filed November 18, 2004, which claims priority from Israeli Patent Application No. 158960, filed November 19, 2003, all of which are incorporated herein. The International Application was published June 2, 2005 as WO 2005/048871 A2 under PCT article 21(2).

Please amend as follows:

[paragraph beginning on page 12, line 21:]

Fig. 10 is a schematic, pictorial illustration of ring 120 following opening of closed bends 124, in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention. The closed bends may be opened *in situ*, after device 20 has been implanted in a blood vessel. For this purpose, for example, a balloon catheter may be inserted into lumen 32 of device 20, and the balloon may be inflated with sufficient pressure to break open the fastening points of at least some of bends 124. Due to the elasticity of wire 122, as successive fastening points break open in this fashion in response to increasing balloon pressure, the diameter of ring 120 will gradually expand. Once all the fastening points have been broken, ring 120 will then expand to the larger diameter shown in Fig. 10, and lumen 32 will open up accordingly. This sort of procedure may be used, for example, to increase the diameter of the lumen in a controlled fashion, and ultimately to permit free flow of blood through vessel 40 when the constriction due to device 20 is no longer needed or desired.